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In the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of notifying a subscriber of a plurality of message services of a message, which comprises:

indicating, with each of a plurality of message services, to a common notification server a presence of a new message for a subscriber on the respective message service;

selecting, by the subscriber, at least one terminal from a plurality of terminals of the message services; and

transmitting, with the notification server, to the at least one terminal selected a notification indicating that a new message is present and in which message service the new message is present.

Claim 2 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises, if a message service indicates the presence of a new message, storing with the notification server the data originating from the message service, until the respective notification has been transmitted successfully.

Claim 3 (original). The method according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting step comprises transmitting with the

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notification server the notification to all terminals of the subscriber.

Claim 4 (previously amended). The method according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting step comprises transmitting with the notification server the notification to the at least one terminal selected by the subscriber from a plurality of terminals.

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Claim 5 (previously amended). The method according to claim 4, wherein the subscriber selects the at least one terminal by transmitting a control information item from the respective terminal to the notification server.

Claim 6 (previously amended). The method according to claim 1, which comprises transmitting with each message service a message header information item to the notification server when a new message is present, and transmitting the message header information with the notification server at least partially to the at least one terminal selected, at least partially, to output the message header information.

Claim 7 (previously amended). The method according to claim 1, which comprises, in response to a request by the notification server, transmitting with each message service a message header information item to the notification server,

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and transmitting at least partially the message header information item with the notification server to the at least one terminal selected to output the message header information.

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Claim 8 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises, in response to a subscriber request from any terminal, firstly performing an authorization check with the notification server and then transmitting the notifications present to the terminal.

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Claim 9 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises processing with the notification server the data originating from the message services for generating the notifications transmitted to the subscriber.

Claim 10 (original). The method according to claim 9, wherein the processing step comprises selecting one or more processes from the group consisting filtering, ordering, and formatting the data.

Claim 11 (original). The method according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting step comprises transmitting the notifications by means of a signaling operation to the at least one terminal of the subscriber.

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